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SUBJ: SOVIET LEAPS WALL INTO EMBASSY COMPOUND

1. NIKOLAI PETROVICH KRISTOFOROV, BORN MARCH 6, 1924, UKRAINE, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS CONSTRUCTION WORKER, CLIMBED UP OUTER WALL AND LEAPED INTO EMBASSY COMPOUND ABOUT 11:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 17.

2. KRISTOFOROV, WHO PRESENTLY RESIDES IN SUKHUMI, ASSR, RECOUNTED LONG, DISJOINTED HISTORY OF MANY ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMISSION FROM SOVIET AUTHORITIES. COMPLAINING OF VARIOUS INJUSTICES DEALT OUT TO HIM BY CO-WORKERS AND CPSU OFFICIALS, KRISTOFOROV STATED HE HAD WRITTEN TO BREZHNEV, TO KOSYGIN AND TO PRAVDA DETAILING HIS PROBLEMS AND DEMANDING EXIT PERMISSION. SUBJECT ALSO STATED HE HAD ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO ENTER FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW IN ORDER TO ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN HIS CASE. KRISTOFOROV MENTIONED HE HAD ONCE BEEN ARRESTED FOR QUOTE SPECULATION UNQUOTE, AND SERVED THREE YEARS. HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY INCENSED AT ECONOMIC DEPRIVATIONS INHERENT IN SOVIET SYSTEM.

3. KRISTOFOROV SEEMED RATIONAL, IF EXCITED. HE ENDED RECITATION OF PERSONAL HISTORY WITH QUESTION OF WHAT EMBASSY COULD DO TO HELP HIM. DECLARING HE WAS FED UP WITH THE SOVIET SYSTEM, KRISTOFOROV STATED THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO AMERICA BUT HAD NO RELATIVES THERE. CONSOFF EXPLAINED EMIGRATION PROCEDURES AND POINTED OUT NEED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. KRISTOFOROV CALMLY LEFT EMBASSY COMPOUND AT APPROXIMATELY 11:45 A.M. IN COMPANY OF CONSOFF WHO ESCORTED HIM PAST MILITIA GUARDS. SUBJECT BELIEVED MILITIA HAD NOT NOTICED HIS FLYING ENTRY INTO EMBASSY AND MILITIA ACTIVITY DID NOT INCREASE PERCEPTIBLY UPON KRISTOFOROV'S DEPARTURE. TO KNOWLEDGE CONSOFFS, NO REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESS AWARE OF ABOVE EVENTS. IF INQUIRY MADE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY PLANS TO RESPOND IN LOW-KEY, FACUTAL MANNER. DUBS

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